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1. AS INSTRUCTED IN REF A, DEC AND POL/MIL

OFFICER CALLED ON CHORAFAS, DIRECTOR, NATO DIRECTORATE,

MORNING OF MAY 16 TO SEEK GREEK SUPPORT FOR IS VERSION OF

NATO SUMMIT DECLARATION. DCM MADE POINTS PROVIDED IN

PARA 3, REF A, AND CHORAFAS REPLIED THAT "FOR THE TIME

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BEING" THE GOG PREFERRED THE BELGIAN DRAFT OVER THE IS

DRAFT, WHICH IT REGARDED AS A SORT OF REPETITION OF THE OTTAWA DECLARATION OF 1974. CHORAFAS CHARACTERIZED THE IS DRAFT AS A "LARGE BASKET INTO WHICH SEVERAL IDEAS WERE THROWN," AND HE BELIEVED THE BELGIAN DRAFT CONFORMED MORE TO THE FORM AND PURPOSE OF THE SUMMIT. HE COMMENTED THAT THE FONOFF ALREADY HAD SENT A MESSAGE TO GREEK NATO DELEGATION SAYING ESSENTIALLY THE SAME THING.

2. DCM POINTED OUT THAT CHANGED CIRCUMSTANCES MIGHT MAKE REPETITION OF CERTAIN PRINCIPLES QUIRE VALUABLE AND NOTED THAT SINCE DISCUSSION OF SITUATION BOUBTLESS WOULD CONTINUE NEXT WEEK, FONOFF WOULD HAVE TIME IF SO DISPOSED TO ASK GREEK NATO DELEGATION TO KEEP AN OPEN MIND AND TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION US CONCERNS. CHORAFAS COMMENTED THAT THE OUTCOME MIGHT WELL BE COME COMBINATION OF THE TWO DRAFTS. HE ADDED THAT THERE WERE CERTAIN POINTS OF IS DRAFT GREECE DEFINITELY DID NOT LIKE. THESE INCLUDED: (A) CERTAIN "INDIRECT" REFERENCES TO THE GREEK DISPUTE WITH TURKEY DRAFTED IN SUCH A WAY AS TO GIVE IMPRESSION THAT IT ADDRESSED TO BOTH ALLIES AND PUT THEM BOTH ON THE SAME LEVEL. WHILE HE UNDERSTOOD THAT IT WAS DIFFICULT FOR ALLIANCE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN TWO ALLIES, THE BELGIAN DRAFT AVOIDED THIS PROBLEM; (B) LANGUAGE IN PARA 4 INDICATING NO ALLY HAD BEEN THE VICTIM OF ARMED ATTACK. THE GOG BELIEVED THAT GREECE HAD BEEN ATTACKED, SPECIFICALLY THE GREEK DETACHMENT (ELDYK) DURING THE CYPRUS CLASH; (C) ALTHOUGH GOG FELT LESS STRONGLY, IT COULD NOT ACCEPT CERTAIN OTHER POINTS WHICH WERE NOT RELEVANT ENOUGH OR NOT IN CONTEXT OF ACTUAL SITUATION. ONE SUCH WAS USE OF PHRASEOLOGY "TRADITIONAL" OR "POTENTIAL" ADVERSARY. THIS WAS NOT A METTER OF SUBSTANCE BUT OF PUBLIC OPINION SINCE IF OTHER SIDE AVOIDED SUCH REFERENCES (AS BREZHNEV HAD RECENTLY) IT WOULD MAKE A BAD IMPRESSION ON PUBLIC OPINION AND ON THE OTHER SIDE.

3. DCM REFERRED TO LANGUAGE ABOUT DISPUTES AMONG MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE AS POTENTIALLY USEFUL TO GOG. THIS COULD BE PEG ON WHICH ALLIES MIGHT HANG EFFORT TO AMELIORATE TENSIONS BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY FOLLOWING NATO SUMMIT. CHORAFAS FELT THIS WOULD REEQUIRE VERY HARD WORK IN NAC,

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AND NOT JUST WORDS IN A PUBLIC DECLARATION. CHORAFAS POINTED OUT THAT NATO DID NOT HAVE MECHANISMS FOR RESOLVING DISPUTES AMONG ALLIES BUT THAT MECHANISMS RATHER THAN WODS WERE NEEDED. DCM SAID THAT SINCE ONE OF GREECE'S PRINCIPAL COMPLAINTS ABOUT NATO SEEMED TO BE THAT IT HAD FAILED TO PREVENT CYPRUS CRISIS AND TO MITIGATE GREEK-TURKISH ANTAGONISM, HE DID NOT SEE WHY GOG OBJECTED TO LANGUAGE WHICH AFFIRMED A NATO INTEREST IN DOING THESE THINGS. HE

HOPED IN ANY EVENT THAT GOG WOULD BE ABLE TO TAKE US
CONSIDERATIONS INTO ACCOUNT AND PLAY CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN
ARRIVING AT ACCEPTABLE DECLARATION. CHORAFAS REACTED
POSITIVELY, NOTING THAT GOG WAS NOT COMMITTED TO EVERYTHING
IN BELGIAN DRAFT. SPECIFICALLY, HE NOTED THAT IN LAST SENTENCE
OF FIRST PARA, USE OF "CONFIDENCE" WAS EXAGGERATED AND THAT
"HOPE WAS PREFERABLE. IN SECOND SENTENCE OF SAME PARA,
REFERENCE TO MAINTAINING INTERNAL COHESION OF ALLIANCE
IMPLIED THAT THERE WAS MORE COHESION THAN GREECE THOUGHT
EXISTED, AT LEAST BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY. DECM REITERATED
US STRONG SUPPORT FOR IS DRAFT, OUR INTENTION TO OPPOSE
BELGIAN DRAFT AND REPEATED THAT HE BELIEVED GREEKS SHOULD
REVIEW THEIR POSITION ON IS DRAFT WHICH, IN HIS VIEW,
OFFERED POTENTIAL ADVANTAGES TO GOG. CHORAFAS SAID HE
WOULD REPORT US VIEWS TO BITSIOS AND URGE THAT THEY BE
BORNE IN MIND DURING BRUSSELS DISCUSSION ON SUMMIT DECLAR-
ATION. HE THOUGHT THAT SOME OF OUR CONCERNS ABOUT VAGUENESS
OF BELGIAN DRAFT MIGHT BE EASED IF TWO DRAFTS WERE
COMBINED IN SOME WAY.
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